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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMG

SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 97854

1. IN ABSENCE OF PRES BANDA I WAS ABLE TO SPEAK TODAY WITH MINISTER OF STATE MUWALO ON ABOVE SUBJECT. HE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY, AND I THOUGHT SYMPATHETICALLY. I RECALLED TO HIM THAT ON OCCASION OF EXPULSION OF ASIANS FROM UGANDA, MALAWI HAD OFFERED TO TAKE SOME OF THEM AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SAME MIGHT BE TRUE IN THIS SITUATION. ALTHOUGH HE MADE NO COMMENT TO MY TENTATIVE SUGGESTIONS AS TO VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CATEGORIES AMONG THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHOSE SKILLS MIGHT WELL BE USED IN MALAWI, HIS ATTITUDE WAS CORDIAL AND HE EXPRESSED GENERAL SYMPATHY FOR THE REFUGEES. AS I EXPECTED HE SAID THAT THE QUESTION WOULD BE ONE FOR PRESIDENT BANDA TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE, AND I DOUBT THAT WE WILL RECEIVE ANY FURTHER WORD UNTIL AFTER BANDA'S RETURN ON MAY 10.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PRES BANDA DID OFFER TO TAKE ASIAN REFUGEES FROM UGANDA, I UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE END MALAWI ACCEPTED ONLY A HANDFUL. IN THE CASE OF THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES I WOULD SAY THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT THE GOM WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE A  
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NUMBER OF TECHNICALLY OR PROFESSIONALLY-TRAINED PERSONS WITH

A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH. THERE IS A NEED HERE FOR ENGINEERS, LABORATORY TECHNICIANS, AGRIC TECHNICIANS, NURSES, TOBACCO EXPERTS, SUGAR TECHNICIANS, AND PROBABLY OTHERS. I THINK THAT THE MOST WE MIGHT HOPE FOR WOULD BE OFFERS OF JOBS FOR TWO-THREE YEARS ON CONTRACT WITH THE GOM, WITH LITTLE PROSPECT FOR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT IN MALAWI. I SAY THIS LOOKING AT THE PRESENT ATMOSPHERE IN THE COUNTRY WITH REGARD TO ALL PERSONS OF ASIAN ORIGIN WHICH ALTHOUGH NOT IMMEDIATELY THREATENING IS NOT FAVORABLE FOR THE LONG TERM.  
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